

If proofs had existed, you would have produced them; for although intriguers and conspiracies for the purpose of a military expedition may long be concealed; yet the preparations for an expedition (and such you suggested were making) must be visible to every eye especially on the lakes, here every moment for such a design would be unusual, and therefore attract the more attention; and satisfactory proofs of such preparations would have been attainable; but you produce none.

Another material circumstance I must notice—That troops of the United States were stationed at Niagara, on the Miami, at Detroit and Michilimackinac; and consequently in situations well calculated to protect our territory, as well as to discover and get information of any warlike preparations so considerable as such an expedition would require; and the officers commanding on those stations could not have failed to communicate such discoveries or information to the department of war: yet no such communications were made.

But it was also well known that they had not on the lakes a force adequate to the enterprise in question. I considered also the great difficulties that would attend the transportation of troops, equipage, provisions, cannon, and stores, by either of the routes suggested—if either could have been taken without violating the territory of the United States.

These were circumstances abundantly sufficient to discredit *naked suspicion*; and the declaration of Mr. Linton, in the note of the 19th of June, was mentioned only as confirming the justness of the opinion which I had first formed in March, and which I continued to entertain of your suspicions. I might add, that at that early period, Mr. Linton assured me that he had no knowledge of such an expedition; and his inquiries of the governor-general of Canada and the British secretary of state, have enabled him positively to assert, in the above note, that no such expedition was ever intended. And this fact repels your suggestions that I had been "remiss" in not doing for two months, what, on my own principles, was proper to have been done. But you think I ought not to have communicated your suspicions of this expedition to the British minister; although "his motions were to be watched." You think, on the contrary, that the president should have given suitable orders to general Wilkinson or to the commanding officer of the military force on those frontiers; but have kept a perfect silence towards the British—have let them complete their preparations (if any had been making) and collect their army on the lakes—have let them move forward until they should enter upon the territory of the United States; and seeing the president could not know before hand, whether they would prosecute their march by "Fox river and Ouisconsin, or the Illinois," we may suppose your ideas of the "suitable orders" to the military to be—that at a great expence the troops of the United States should be drawn into that country and divided into corps, to be posted on those rivers, to have fought the British army, and thus have defeated their enterprise. Sir, this is not the only instance in which, after having desired the American government to do some act interesting to your own, you have then presumed to dictate how it should be done.

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JAMES MATTISON, HATTER,

In the house formerly occupied by ROBERT COUDEN, Esq;

RESPECTFULLY informs the public in general, and his customers in particular, that he has just received and will be constantly supplied with the best Canada beaver, raccoon and fox, and other materials of the best quality; he will be able to supply those who may honour him with their commands, with hats of a superior quality, on the shortest notice, and most reasonable terms.

An active LAD, about 15 years of age, would be taken as an apprentice.
Annapolis, October 19, 1797.

LIST of LETTERS remaining in the Post-Office at Port-Tobacco, which, if not taken up before the first day of January next, will be sent to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

WILLIAM W. LEWIS, Port-Tobacco, 1.
Thomas B. Clements, Charles county, 1.
George C. Smoot, near Port-Tobacco, 1.
William Shorran, near Port-Tobacco, 1.
Jacob Clements, near Port-Tobacco, 1.
William McConchie, sen. near Port-Tobacco, 1.
William Wilkinson, Charles county.
Mr. Dejean, Pomonkey creek, near Port-Tobacco, 1.
John Brady, Port-Tobacco, 2.
Messrs. John Bryant & Co. 2.
James Fenwick, 1.
Joseph Green, Sheriff of Charles county, 1.
Johab Ford, Charles county, 1.
Samuel Hanson, Charles county, 1.
Port-Tobacco, October 1, 1797.

NOTICE

A PETITION will be presented to the next general assembly of the State of Maryland, praying an act to authorize the levy court of St. Mary's county to assess annually a sum of money on said county to be paid in full for support of my daughter Elizabeth Goodrich, an idiot, aged seventeen years.

MARY GOODRICH.

October 3, 1797.

Anne Arundel county, October 18, 1797.
By virtue of an order of the Orphan Court of Anne Arundel county, will be SOLD at PUBLIC VENDUE, to the highest bidder, at Mr. WHARREN'S tavern, in the city of Annapolis, on Wednesday the 29th of November next, if fair, if not the first fair day thereafter,

ABOUT thirty valuable country born SLAVES, late the property of JOHN WEAVER, of Anne Arundel county, deceased, consisting of ten young men, eight boys, and several women and children, and girls; many of whom are valuable and likely. The sale to commence at 12 o'clock, when the terms will be made known.

MARY WEBBS, Executrix.
ALEXANDER McPHERSON, Executor

To the Editor of the MARYLAND GAZETTE.

OBSERVING a caution in your papers from John Maddox, of Charles county, informing those who may be interested, not to take any assignment of any account or accounts, whatever that I may have against him; as all and every of them have been long ago settled.

I wish to inform the said Maddox, through the same channel, that few person or persons would take an assignment of any account or accounts that a suit has been obliged to be brought for, and a writ having been served on him (for the said account or accounts) some time before his caution made its appearance, he might have saved himself the trouble and expence, and made his settlements, which he is so ready to shew, appear in a court before an impartial jury.

JAMES BROWN.

Piccowaxen, Charles county,
September 14, 1797.

A LIST of LETTERS remaining in the Post-Office at Upper-Marlborough, which, if not taken away by the first day January next, will be returned to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

MR. CHARLES BURGESS.

Mr. Levin Belt.
Mr. Charles Boardman.
Mr. Richard B. Gardiner.
Rinaldo Johnson, Esquire.
Mr. Trillim Jordan.
Captain Samuel Maynard.
Mr. William Marlow.
Mr. Nruigieres.
Mr. Robert Sewell.
Mr. Richard Smith.

RICHARD W. BRASHEARS, P. M.

October 1, 1797.

Queen-Anne's county, October 2, 1797.

NOTICE is hereby given to all my creditors, that I intend to petition the honourable legislature of Maryland, at their next session, for an act of insolvency in my favour, occasioned by many unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances.

JOSEPH EVERITT.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of WILLIAM SELLMAN, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate are desired to bring them in, legally attested, to the subscriber for payment.

THOMAS SELLMAN, Acting Executor.

October 16, 1797.

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the Hockley Mills, near Elk-Ridge Landing, on the 11th inst. negro BEN, about thirty-five years of age, five feet six inches high, a thick well set fellow, has a speck in the ball of one of his eyes; he carried off with him, a grey great coat, a dark blue jacket, white kersey under jacket, ofsnabrig shirt and trousers, strong shoes and an old hat. Ben formerly lived at Mr. David Steuart's quarter, on West river, and may possibly be gone into that neighbourhood. The above reward will be paid on securing said fellow in any goal, if taken out of the county, and TEN DOLLARS REWARD, if taken in the county, with reasonable charges if brought home, by

JOHN WRIGHT, Manager.

Hockley Mills, Anne-Arundel }
county, October 13, 1797. }

Notice is hereby given,

THAT the subscriber intends to apply to the general assembly, at their next session, for an act to complete his legal title in part of a tract of land called A RESERVE OR RIGHT AND GOOD REASON, which Thomas Johnson, Esq; conveyed to John P. Amelung, who conveyed the same to the subscriber before he became naturalized.

FREDERICK M. AMELUNG.

Fifty Dollars Reward.

RAN away from the subscriber, living two miles from Conogocheague creek, and four and an half miles from Hager's town, on the 16th of May last, a negro man named Charles, about 6 feet high, 20 or 21 years old, stout and well built; had on and took with him a brown worsted coat, linsley round about, tow linen trousers, &c. Whoever takes up and secures said negro, that his master may have him again, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges paid if brought home, by

GEORGE RESSLY.

October 9, 1797.

In CHANCERY, October 5, 1797.

John Tilly,

agent.

William Wirt, Jacob Wirt, Elizabeth Johnson, Hendley Bopwell, and Henry his wife, and Elizabeth Carner, heirs of Uriah Jasper Wirt.

THE object of the bill is to obtain a decree for vesting in the complainant a legal title in lot No. 190, in the town of Hamburg, now included in the city of Washington, which lot is stated to have been sold to the complainant by Uriah Jasper Wirt, who was entitled to and seized of the same under the last will of his father Jacob Wirt; it is further stated, that the said Uriah Jasper Wirt had since died, leaving the defendant his heirs, and that William Wirt, Jacob Wirt, and Elizabeth Carner, have left the state, and reside in far distant parts; it is on motion of the complainant ordered, that he cause a copy of this order to be inserted in the Maryland Gazette, and the news-paper of George town, at least three times successively, before the end of November next, to the intent that the said defendants may have notice of his application to this court, and of the object of his bill, and may be warned to appear here on or before the first Tuesday in August next, to shew cause wherefore a decree should not pass as prayed.

Test. SAMUEL H. HOWARD,
Reg. Cur. Can.

A Watch Lost,

BETWEEN the subscriber's dwelling house and Herring creek landing, on Friday last, a London made silver WATCH, the maker's name THOMAS WAGSTAFFE, London, No. 9818, the owner's name, ISAAC SIMMONS, neatly engraved on the back of the inside case, a small dent in each case may be seen near the crystal. Whoever finds the above Watch, and delivers it to Mr. WILLIAM HAYES, in Baltimore, or Mr. ROBERT DUVAL, in Annapolis, or the subscriber near Herring Bay, shall receive a reward of FOUR DOLLARS.

ISAAC SIMMONS, of Geo.

N. B. All watch-makers are requested to stop it if brought to them.
October 10, 1797.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of captain ROBERT SANDERS, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate are desired to bring them in legally attested, to the subscriber for payment.

DAVID STEUART, Executor.

October 11, 1797.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of HENRY PLUMMER late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, are requested to bring them in legally attested, in order that the debts may be ascertained, as provision may be made for the discharge of them; and all those indebted to said estate are desired to make immediate payment to

RACHEL PLUMMER, Administratrix.

RAN AWAY,

Two young Negro Men,

ONE named SCOGIN, aged 20 or 22 years, about 5 feet 9 inches in height, rather fleshy, his complexion very black, his face full and round, his eyes very large; he is apt to laugh when spoken to, and shews large teeth, generally uses his left hand, and wore away a full suit of smart black cloaths, the coat long and full; he went away the 3d day of September last.

The other named MARSHAM, a carpenter and lawyer, about the same age and height with Scogin, but slim and of a lighter complexion; his cloathing is unknown; he went away about the 10th day of last September. Whoever brings the said negroes to the subscriber, at West river, in Anne-Arundel county, or lodges them in goal, so that he may get them, shall receive for each, if apprehended within twenty miles TEN DOLLARS, if farther from home TWENTY DOLLARS; and reasonable travelling expences.

RICHARD SPRIGG.

N. B. If the above negro men return directly of their own accord they shall be forgiven.
West river, October 3, 1797.

MR. S. LOVE

INFORMS the gentlemen of the turf in Maryland, that Mr. TAYLOR's celebrated horse GREY DIOMED will stand the ensuing season at his seat called Salisbury, in Loudon county, near Alexandria, in Virginia.

October 1, 1797.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of Mrs. MARY HOWARD, deceased, are requested to produce them to the subscriber, who hath obtained letters of administration on the said estate.

A. C. HANSON,

Annapolis, October 2, 1797.

NOTICE

I INTEND to petition the general assembly of Maryland, at their next session, for an act of insolvency.

October 4, 1797.

CORNELIUS MILLS.